THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 6th November 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half-past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Theosophical High School, Madanapalle.

*21 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Madanapalle Theosophical High School requesting the Government to take up its management; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government did not receive any representation from the management on this subject; but, it is learnt that the Director of Public Instruction received an offer from it for transfer of the school. The Director did not pursue the matter further, as he was not satisfied that there was a case for the Government taking over the school."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH:—" మదనపల్లి తియసాఫికల్ హైస్కూలు చాలా కాలంగా రాయలసీమలో విద్యావ్యాప్తికి కృషిచేస్తున్న హైస్కూలు. ఈనాడు ఆర్థిక ఇబ్బందులవల్ల దాని management ఉపాధ్యాయులకు జీతములు ఇవ్వలేకపోయినట్లు, కాబట్టి దానిని స్వాధీనం చేసుకొనవలసినదని ప్రభుత్వాన్ని అర్థించారు. ఈ స్కూలును ప్రభుత్వంవారు స్వాధీనం చేసుకొని రాయలసీమలో విద్యావ్యాప్తిని ప్రోత్సహిస్తారా ?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The grounds stated by the hon. Member were not stated by the management of the school when they made the offer to the Director; but, however, it has been reported that the management of the Madanapalle Theosophical High School addressed the Director of Public Instruction on the question of the transfer of management of the institution to the Government. The Government sanctioned last year the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to take over under the management of Government some of the secondary schools under local bodies, so that candidates who are to be eventually appointed as lecturers in Government Training Colleges might be posted as headmasters of these schools. Eight schools were taken over by the Government which included the Municipal High School, Anantapur, and the Board High School at Harpanahalli. As these two schools from Rayalaseema had

already been taken over by Government, the question of taking over a third school, particularly a private school, was given up.''

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—'' మదనపల్లి థియసాఫికల్ హైస్కూలు తెలియనివారుండరని చెప్పడం ఎంతమాత్రం అతిశయోక్తి కాదు. రాయలసీమ విద్యాభివృద్ధి విషయంలో ఈ స్కూలు నిర్వహిస్తున్న పాత్ర అత్యంత ప్రముఖమైనదని కూడా మంత్రిగారికి తెలుసు. కారణాంతరాలవల్ల ఆ స్కూలు మేనేజమెంటువారు దానిని నిర్వహించు స్థోమత కోల్పోవుటచేత వారు ఈ స్కూలును ప్రభుత్వంవారికి స్వాధీనము చేయదలచినట్లు తెలుస్తోంది. కాబట్టి దానిని ప్రభుత్వంవారు తమ యాజమాన్యం క్రిందకు తెచ్చుకుందురని ఆశించవచ్చునా?''

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—'' I have stated the circumstances under which the schools were taken by the Government. This year we could not take over any more schools on account of financial stringency and the proposals under the Part II Scheme were deferred. If this particular school approaches the Government, the matter will be considered on the merits.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Does the Hon. Minister feel that financial stringency is the only condition which prevents the Government from taking over that institution?''

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—'' Generally, in taking over these schools, the Government have up to now followed the procedure of taking over schools under the management of local bodies. We have not yet taken over any private school. So, this case has to be considered on its own merits as a separate thing. I cannot give any undertaking at present.''

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—'' May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to undertake the responsibility of secondary education throughout this State in the future?''

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—'' Secondary education is largely, as the hon. Member knows, in the hands of local bodies and private agencies. There is no proposal for the Government to take over the entire secondary education.''

Scheme for establishing and spreading library service.

* 47 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all local Library authorities have prepared and forwarded to the appropriate authorities schemes for establishing and spreading library service in their respective areas under section 8 of Act XXIV of 1948 and if only some have prepared and forwarded them, the names of those who have furnished the schemes and the names of those who have not; and

(*b*) whether all local Library authorities have taken over all properties, movable and immovable, of every public library in